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To : All School District Superintendents and County Superintendents of Schools

Subject: **PROPOSITION 203 FUNDING UPDATE**

At the May 29, 1996, State Allocation Board (SAB) meeting, the Office of Public School Construction (OPSC) presented a projection for the release of Proposition 203 (Bond Measure) funds with the objective of expediting the application process. Considering the overwhelming demand on staff time and resources, I am pleased to announce that our office is not only meeting our objectives but exceeding projected expectations. Also, be aware that our accounting team completes a fund release in 3-7 days. However, the controller's office may take an additional 5-8 days to issue the warrants. While there is always room for improvement, I remain convinced that we are sustaining the appropriate momentum required to apportion and release Proposition 203 funds in a timely manner.

Of the \$2,065 billion made available by the successful passage of Proposition 203, \$1.3 billion was apportioned by the SAB on May 29, 1996, (approximately 60 days after the voters approved the bond measure). Subsequently, the OPSC has released approximately \$54 million for the planning and site phases and has processed an additional \$187 million of the \$209 million that was previously identified as reimbursable bid approvals. These applications will be presented to the SAB on August 28, 1996. This is no small achievement and I applaud and commend the members of the SAB and the OPSC staff for this herculean effort.

The following is a breakdown of the project categories that have been processed and are ready for approval by the SAB at the August 28, 1996, meeting:

Category	New Construction	Modernization	Total
Bid Approvals*	\$169,391,630.00	\$17,795,802.00	\$187,187,432.00
Construction Apportionments	22,726,803.00	1,329,530.00	24,056,333.00
Site Apportionments	1,898,859.00	-0-	1,898,859.00
Planning Apportionments	3,811,062.00	292,706.00	4,103,768.00
Total	\$197,828,354.00	\$19,418,038.00	\$217,246,392.00

*These are bid adjustments to the project budget and do not require additional construction funds.

In addition, the OPSC staff has focused on the “*release*” of funds for planning (Phase P), site (Phase S), and the construction (Phase C) portion of those project costs. To date staff has released funds for the following categories:

<i>Category</i>	<i>Funds Released To Date</i>	<i>Anticipated Release After August 28, 1996 Board Meeting</i>
Construction		*\$187,187,432.00
Site	27,135,531.00	
Planning	27,052,513.00	
<i>Total</i>	<i>\$54,188,044.00</i>	<i>\$187,187,432.00</i>

**It is anticipated that staff will be able to release at least 80% of these funds should the SAB approves the bids at the August 28, 1996, Board meeting.*

In the coming weeks and months ahead OPSC application priorities will continue to be the processing of priority 1 projects (50/50 match) as determined by the SAB. Consequently, there will be staff adjustments from time to time in an effort to maximize resources in areas of greatest need.

Once again, I extend my appreciation to the SAB, the Office of Public School Construction, the Division of the State Architect and many other entities responsible for expediting the complete fulfillment of the voter’s decision to build and modernize K-12 school facilities.

In the Spirit of Excel,

OSCAR WRIGHT, Executive Officer
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